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	A2	517,522	04/1894	King	33	31		
	A3	494,864	04/04/1893	Huston	—	✓	01/09/1893	
	A4	973,047	10/1910	Jeter	33	31		
	A5	1,326,260	12/30/1919	Hardebeck	—	—	04/22/1919	
	A6	1,010,292	11/1911	McKinstry	33	31		
<i>LR</i>	A7	1,614,772	01/18/1927	Bambini, et al.	—	—	11/25/1925	
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<i>LR</i>	A8	2066599	—	RU (Abstract)	B23	C-003	X	
<i>m</i>	A9	200012275	—	WO (Abstract)	B26	B-029	X	
<i>m</i>	A10	2075405	11/18/1981	GB (Abstract)	B26	B5	X	
<i>M</i>	A11	2621687	—	DE (Abstract)	B26	D-001	X	
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<i>LR</i>	A12	Ellipsographs of De l'Hospital, http://155.185.1.61/labmat/hospitin.htm , Page 1 of 1, June 5, 2000.						
<i>LR</i>	A13	Ellipsograph of Van Schooten, http://155.185.1.61/labmat/Vanschin.htm , Page 1 of 1, June 5, 2000.						
<i>LR</i>	A14	The Fletcher-Terry Company, Product Book, 26 Pages.						
<i>LR</i>	A15	Delphion Intellectual Property Network, 7/6/00, 3 pages, http://www.patents.ibm.com/details?pn=JP02293200A2						
<i>LR</i>	A16	Delphion Intellectual Property Network, 7/6/00, 3 pages, http://www.patents.ibm.com/details?pn=JP01308698A2						
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	A18	2,215,216	09/17/1940	Gits, et al.	30	162	12/14/1936
	A19	2,458,208	01/04/1949	Ruger	33	31	12/02/1944
	A20	2,872,732	02/10/1959	Arrowood	30	314	10/04/1957
	A21	2,908,972	10/20/1959	Nitenson	30	293	07/31/1956
<i>v</i>	A22	2,925,655	02/23/1960	De Beek	33	31	11/18/1958
<i>m</i>	A23	3,032,893	05/08/1962	Debeh	35	13	02/07/1961

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<i>m</i>	A24	979278	—	GB (Abstract)	B26	D1	X	
<i>m</i>	A25	1265398	—	DE (Abstract)	—	—	X	
<i>m</i>	A26	81840	—	DD (Abstract)	B05	H-007	X	
<i>m</i>	A27	2511081	—	DE (Abstract)	B27	F-005	X	

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<i>m</i>	A28	Delphion Intellectual Property Network, 7/6/00, 3 pages,
		JP4369600.http://www.patents.ibm.com/details?pn=JP04369600A2
	A29	Delphion Intellectual Property Network, 7/6/00, 3 pages,
		http://www.patents.ibm.com/details?pn=JP08257802A2
	A30	"What Can You Do With A Doodle Cutter?", Creating Keepsakes, July-August 1999
<i>v</i>	A31	Instructions for Doodle Cutter, Minx, Inc., July 21, 2000
<i>m</i>	A32	Coluzzle Collage Template System, California East, Ltd., February 1999

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<i>M</i>	A33	1,837,912	12/1931	Mann	33	31	
	A34	2,494,557	01/1950	Irick	33	31	
	A35	2,512,786	06/27/1950	Borg	33	27	
	A36	3,165,130	01/12/1965	Sanders	144	33	02/21/1961
	A37	3,562,915	02/16/1971	Brown	33	31	05/06/1969
<i>✓</i>	A38	3,820,245	06/28/1974	Yozzo	33	27	06/26/1973
<i>✓</i>	A39	3,845,676	11/05/1974	Pierce (Abstract)	—	—	
<i>M</i>	A40	3,867,636	02/18/1975	Miyahara	250	445	03/15/1974
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<i>M</i>	A41	2522188	—	DE (Abstract)	B23	P-001	X
<i>✓</i>	A42	547362	—	SU (Abstract)	B29	C-017	X
<i>✓</i>	A43	864171	—	BE (Abstract)	B26	D-003	X
<i>M</i>	A44	640788	—	SU (Abstract)	B21	D-026	X
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<i>M</i>	A45	Nested Templates, California East, Ltd., May 1998					
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<i>m</i>	A49	4,048,724	09/20/1977	Abstract	—	—	
<i>l</i>	A50	4,176,452	12/04/1979	Duggins, et al. (Abstract)	—	—	
<i>l</i>	A51	4,148,144	04/1979	Stiles	33	33	
<i>v</i>	A52	4,222,169	09/16/1980	Lockwood	30	286	
<i>v</i>	A53	4,233,736	11/18/1980	Duggins, et al.	30	293	11/19/1979
<i>m</i>	A54	4,306,598	12/22/1981	Peot	144	136	06/26/1980
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<i>f</i>	A56	742397	—	SU (Abstract)	B43	L-011	X
<i>f</i>	A57	2441468	—	FR (Abstract)	B26	E-001	X
<i>m</i>	A58	946815	—	SU (Abstract)	B23	C-005	X
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~	A64	4,407,074	10/04/1983	Ledbetter	33	27	
	A65	4,445,275	05/01/1984	Dubrow	33	30	06/07/1982
	A66	4,624,057	11/25/1986	Hursey	33	570	08/06/1985
	A67	4,649,647	03/17/1987	Kaufuss	30	293	10/21/1985
✓	A68	4,691,604	09/08/1987	Abstract	—	—	
✓	A69	4,790,222	12/13/1988	Morgan	82	1.3	10/29/1987
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✓	A75	58172240	—	JP (Abstract)	B26	D-005	X
~	A76	3343370	—	DE (Abstract)	B26	B-013	X

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✓	A81	4,773,798	09/27/1988	Gaster, et al.	408	102	
✓	A82	4,782,730	11/08/1988	Picone, et al.	83	745	
✓	A83	4,858,322	08/22/1987	Kluga	30	310	
✓	A84	5,014,584	05/14/1991	Kozyrski, et al.	83	464	07/14/1989
✓	A85	5,123,170	06/23/1992	Abstract	—	—	
✓	A86	5,430,946	07/11/1995	Peters, et al.	33	31	11/28/1994
✓	A87	5,555,631	09/17/1996	Houston	33	31	01/17/1995

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✓	A90	2612113	—	FR (Abstract)	B26	B5	X	
✓	A91	3837449	—	DE (Abstract)	B26	D-003	X	

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<i>/</i>	A98	Des 243,117	01/18/1977	Green	D15	127	
<i>/</i>	A99	658,711	09/25/1900	Forker	—	—	
<i>/</i>	A100	660,211	10/23/1900	Durkel	—	—	
<i>V</i>	A101	701,828	06/10/1902	Arnold	—	—	
<i>V</i>	A102	705,576	07/29/1902	Forker	—	—	
<i>M</i>	A103	742,047	10/20/1903	Moehle	—	—	

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<i>V</i>	A105	2242147	—	GB (Abstract)	B23	B-051—	X	
<i>V</i>	A106	2038926	—	RU (Abstract)	B23	C-003—	X	
<i>M</i>	A107	2297526	—	GB (Abstract)	B25	H—	X	

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<i>Par</i>	A113	1,031,780	07/1921	Fine	33	31	
	A114	1,391,530	09/20/1921	Bustillo y Diego			
	A115	1,470,168	10/19/1923	Jepsen	33	31	
	A116	6,158,133	12/12/1900	Carlson, et al.	32	2701	
<i>V</i>	A117	572,320	12/01/1896	Stuparich	—	—	
<i>V</i>	A118	658,710	9/1900	Forker	—	—	
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<i>V</i>	A121	080309220	—	JP (Abstract)	B02	G-018	X	
<i>V</i>	A122	29707792	—	DE (Abstract)	B26	B-007	X	
<i>m</i>	A123	09300274	—	JP (Abstract)	B26	D-001	X	

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	A130	3,621,574	11/1971	Yanke et al.	—	—	
	A131	4,112,793	9/1978	Pierce	—	—	
	A132	4,244,106	1/1981	Pierce	—	—	
D	A133	4,567,927	2/1986	Plamann	—	—	
	A134	5,058,282	10/1991	Coll	—	—	
PM	A135	5,099,727	3/1992	Kozyrski et al.	—	—	

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D	A138	1209394	—	CN (Abstract)	B-43	L-011	X	
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	A146	5,233,748	8/1993	Logan et al.	—	—	
	A147	5,526,573	6/1996	Peters et al.	—	^	
	A148	6,484,406	11/2002	Gardner	—	—	
C	A149	179,039	6/1876	McAdams	—	—	
	A150	5,802,942	9/1998	Cornell et al.	—	—	
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C	A154	0410058	—	EP (Abstract)	B23	Q27	X	
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	A162	4,426,781	1/1984	Kufrin	—	—	
	A163	4,057,898	11/1977	Piosky	—	—	
✓	A164	3,787,968	1/1974	Littmann	—	—	
Pa	A165	3,576,148	4/1971	Katz	—	—	
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Q	A186	54-60028	05/15/1979	JP	B43	L11		X
M	A187	1-106296	07/18/1989	JP	B43	L11		X

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